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THE SOVIETS HAVE BEGUN TO CONSTRUCT A POSSIBLE NEW NAVAL BASE
AT GUBA DALGAYA (69-10N 034-57E) ABOUT 42 NM EAST-NORTHEAST OF MURMANSK.

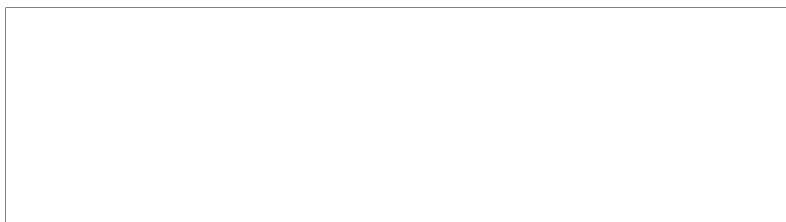
THE BASE WAS COMPLETELY UNDEVELOPED WHEN SEEN ON PHOTOGRAPHY IN
MID-1967. IN [] ONE BARRACKS BUILDING WAS NOTED. IN []
[] A LONG SHALLOW-DRAFT PIER AND THE LAST OF SOME 15 BARRACKS AND
SUPPORT BUILDINGS WERE NEARING COMPLETION. A NEW ROAD WAS BEING BUILT
FROM THESE FACILITIES INTO A STEEP HILL TOWARD THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE
BAY. A POSSIBLE FOUNDATION FOR A SECOND PIER IS LOCATED ON THE EAST
SIDE OF THE BAY AT THE EDGE OF DEEP WATER.

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GUBA DALGAYA IS SIMILAR IN A NUMBER OF WAYS TO THE LAST SUBMARINE
BASE BUILT IN THE USSR -- BUKHTA BECHEVINSKAYA (53-16N 159-46E) NEAR
PETROPAVLOVSK. THE FIRST FACILITIES AT BECHEVINSKAYA CONSISTED OF AN
ADVANCED CONSTRUCTION SITE AND A SHALLOW-WATER PIER, AS IS THE CASE WITH
GUBA DALGAYA.

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